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PRICE 82 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 28, PICCOLA, German steamer, 875, T. Nissen, Saigon 24th May, Rice—MELCHERS & Co.

May 29, GLENORCHY, British steamer, 1,881, T. Ferguson, London, and Singapore 24th May, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

May 29, FIDENO, German steamer, 852, Brose, Hollow 23rd May, General—MELCHERS & Co.

May 29, SOCHONG, British steamer, 327, T. Rovin, Pakhoi 26th May, and Hollow 25th, General—CHINESE.

May 29, TAICHOW, British steamer, 882, J. A. Morris, Fowey 20th May, and Singapore 23rd, General—BAN HO HONG.

May 29, FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,533, Croad, Whampoa 25th May, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 29, KWONGHONG, British steamer, 983, T. Sellar, Whampoa 26th May, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

May 29, NIERNSTEIN, German steamer, 731, Weber, Whampoa 29th May, General—MELCHERS & Co.

May 29, CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, Brenner, Shanghai 24th May, and Swatow 28th, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

May 29, ANCONA, British steamer, 1,985, W. D. Mudie, Yokohama 21st May, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 29, GLO. V. JORDAN, Am. s.s., 682, E. V. Lyman, Haiphong 19th May, General—MARTINS.

May 29, CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,194, Sauer, Wuhs 26th May, Rice—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
29TH MAY.

MESSRS, British str., for Swatow.
Forwards, German str., for Haiphong.
Departures.

ARRIVED.
Per Tzichien str., from Straits—25 Chinese.
Per Canton str., from Shanghai, &c.—66 Chinese.
Per Glenorchy str., from London, &c.—Messrs. Wildey, Ashton, and Thompson, and 220 Chinese from Singapore.

Per Falmouth str., for Hongkong—From Yokohama—Messrs. H. Salter, Bibby, J. H. Smith, and P. V. Lake, and 2 Chinese, dead. From Nagasaki—Capt. W. A. Bur, and Mr. S. Yang and servant. For London—From Yokohama—Messrs. G. Smith, Bouquet, R. F. Smith, and W. Brook. From Haiphong—Messrs. J. Wakefield and J. Wakefield, Junr., and Master Wigwall.

DEPARTURES.

May 29, FALMENBURG, German str., for Saigon.

May 29, JOHANN, German str., for Hollow.

May 29, CASCAPEDIA, British str., for Nagasaki.

May 29, TRINITY, German str., for Whampoa.

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REPORTS.

The German steamer PICCOLA, from Saigon 24th May, reports had fine weather from port to port.

The German steamer FIDENO, from Hollow 24th May, reports had moderate S.W. winds from Hollow; thunders and lightning with heavy rain to port.

The British steamer Tzichien, from Peiping 20th May, and Singapore 23rd, reports had fine weather and light showers throughout the passage. Inside the islands thick weather and heavy rain.

The British steamer Chongqing, from Wuhs 24th May, reports had light N.E. winds and fine weather to Lamphoo; thunders and lightning with moderate S.W. winds with shifting squalls of wind and continuous rain with much thunder and lightning.

The British steamer Canton, from Shanghai 24th May, and Saigon 24th, reports had fine weather to Oodoo Islands and fine weather to N.E. winds and fine weather. From there to Swatow thick rainy weather with fresh N.E. winds. From Swatow to Hongkong variable winds and squalls with thunder, lightning, and very heavy rain.

VESSELS PASSED ANCHOR.

April 27, British str., Vlissingen, Northey, from London, 26th May, reported to Hongkong.

27, German str. Margaratha, Kester, April 13, from Singapore for Liverpool.

27, Ned. str. Europeester den Star, Bruyns, April 27, from Batavia for Amsterdam.

27, British str. Iron Cross, Lamb, from Kobe for Chonan.

28, British bark Camelot, Murphy, March 2, from Swan River for Hongkong.

30, Ned. str. Prince Marie, Weber, Mar. 16, from Amsterdam for Batavia.

30, German str. Andreas, Hoyer, March 25, from Bantick for Kiel.

May 1, Italian str. Enrichetta Accanea, Deandrea, Dec. 19, from New York for Singapore.

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THE PRESENT.—He cannot be expected to give you any information on that head now.

DR. CANTRELL.—What I wanted to ask was whether there will be any interference with the Tsim water supply. I thought the Surveyor-General might say in a conventional way that we will be the probable effect. We don't seem to have another water question with it. I have written to the paper, instead of being asked, what of this kind, instead of being asked, I will not say slurred over, but apparently slurred over by this Board, were taken up at the time it would be better. We cannot expect any full information, but if the Surveyor-General could give us any idea as to what is likely to happen it would be a great benefit.

THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL.—It is not from any desire to interfere that I am unable to answer Dr. Cantrell's question. After the meeting is over I shall be happy to see Dr. Cantrell and give him all the information he wants, but as this is a subject with which the Surveyor-General has absolutely nothing to do I should be entirely out of order in introducing it here and would fall in my duty as a public servant in emanuelling information in this way.

Dr. Cantrell.—I only asked, not as a duty of the Surveyor-General, but in accordance with the Surveyor-General's previous reply, I only wish the Surveyor-General will tell out of it.

THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL.—So far as I know, the question of water only comes before this Board in reference to its purity, not with reference to destruction of works, and it is for that reason I would be entirely out of order in entering on the subject.

CONTACTS.—The Board then considered the question of letting of contracts for the removal of night soil.

THE CHAIRMEN.—Stated that the present contractors had consented to go on for another two months, namely, July and August, and it was decided that tenders should be advertised for.

COAST SURVEY IN CHINA.

The following letter has been handed to us for publication by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

Hydrographic Department,
Admiralty, S. W.
18th April, 1889.

Sir,—I have been informed by Commander W. U. Moore, R. N., late of H. M. S. "Bomber," that the Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong has most generously provided a sum of money to be devoted to rewards for fishermen who may give information leading to the discovery and mapping on the charts of unknown rocks.

The Admiralty has issued the hydrographic service of the Admiralty with the warning, that the surveying ships are employed, I much regret that circumstances should, for the present, prevent any use being made of it, but I am in hope that before long another vessel will be available to proceed with the survey of the intricate coast of China, along which so many valuable British ships pass.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. J. WHARFON,
Hydrographer,
The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents!

CHESS IN HONGKONG.—TO THE EDITOR OF "THE DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—Lovers of chess are indebted to you for the liberal space you are giving to your paper for public discussion of this subject. Their thanks are also due to "Phildor" for having started the ball rolling; for my part, I hope he will not be discouraged in his good work merely because some of us, equally with himself, chess enthusiasts, do not approve of being taken in hand by the Literary Society. It is generally known, I think, that we are in earnest, we are earnestly establishing a Club of our own, distinct from a Society, which "Phildor" admits in his letter of yesterday, he is desirous of assisting.

A "Chess Club" is far more likely to help us in our object than an "already moribund society" as P. K. to B. S. very amusingly terms it. The suggestion put forward by "Cross" is to have a "Chess Club" (or "Cross") following the Literary Society, and with the same object, the correct thing, except that the good old fashioned game of "marbles" might be taught instead of chess!—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Hongkong, 29th May, 1889.

THE OBSERVATORY REPORTS.—TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—There has been no correspondence lately about the work of Dr. D. B. Dorey's daily reports, and I think the report of 10th May, 1889, furnishes a good illustration of their utility. We have been experiencing on this side of the harbour a pretty stiff S.W. monsoon all day, notwithstanding Dr. Dorey's records at 10 a.m. that the wind was N.E. because, presumably, a squall at that hour sent his weather cone swinging round. His temperature, 72 deg., is also much lower than it had been in Hongkong all day. Cannot some better system of observation be established?—Yours faithfully,

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SUMMARY OF THE "KWANG-PAO."

27th May.

The leading article of to-day runs in a moral vein, and rich and poor are warned to live a quiet and domesticated life and not to frequent places of immorality and vice, which invariably bring about the loss of health and the loss of face and reputation.

Several more names are given of candidates who have attained rank in the Hanlin Yuen.

The Viceroy returned on the 25th early in the morning, from his tour of inspection of the banks of the West and North branches of the river.

The Commissioner of Extraterritorialities has arrived and will shortly preside over the competition.

A Human Society has been established by a large number of philanthropic people for affording relief to the destitute and homeless.

At Foshan there are two silk-shops with the same character and the purchase of a large consignment of silk by the employees of the one shop has led to great confusion and trouble, as the goods were mislaid to the wrong shop, which now refuses to admit that they had been received.

At Macao a drunken man assaulted a jinrikisha coolie in a scurrilous manner for extorting with him about the fare tendered.

At Shao-ching the kidnappers succeeded in carrying away two women, of whom nothing has been heard.

A boat containing thirty coolies got in the way of a steamer running against it; the boat capsized, and of the thirty men only ten were rescued.

Two more kidnappers have been arrested by the Wei Yuan Li, one of whom was sent to Nanchang and the other to the Fanyu Magistrate for trial and punishment.

At Fuzhou about seven hours passed from a boat, and on examination the river police boats discovered that kidnappers were trying to carry away two women.

To the DEAF.—A person cured of deafness and noise in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it to any person who applies to Nicholson, 21, St. George's Street, London, England, Mr. de Windt, a recent traveller, says.—The men are deaf and good tempered, with drunkenness as their only vice, if that can be called a vice, which makes them still more benevolent and urban than when sober. The women are clean, thrifty, and deeply religious, but lax in their morals. In summer in the houses their simple and inexpensive gird is a semi-transparent shift reaching to the waist, and in winter a white muslin skirt is raised high, and a pair of high boots put on, and you have the village maid in her walking dress. In matters of decency Mr. de Windt says the Siberian pur is simple and inferior to the Chinese.

TIENTSIN.

The silting up of the river has rendered difficult the turning of steamers at the Bund. Sometimes they stick right across the river, and being unable to move in any direction have to wait until the current at stem and stern clears the obstructing shore.

On the 25th, while the steamer "Kwongtung" was endeavouring to turn opposite the offices of the Tsim Tug and Li, her crew, the action of her propeller loosened some of the piles and a portion of the Bund, becoming undermined, sank about two feet below its proper level. Repairs are now being effected by the Municipality.

The foreshore of the French settlement has suffered a great deal, about fifteen yards from the Bund and is still being removed by the soil for filling in purposes.

The removal of the railway bridge is proceeding cheerfully, operations on the last four piles of the fifty-two in the centre being carried on to-day. We hear that it has now been decided to remove the bridge altogether, and that a contract has been accepted from a native firm to draw the side piles for £1,000. How true it may be we cannot say; the contractor will, without doubt, earn his money.—Chinese Times.

OLLA PODRIDA.

Another fine screw steamer for the North German Lloyd Company has just been launched at Stettin by an adjoint of the Emperor's who gave the vessel the name of "Kaiser Wilhelm II."

A correspondent writes to the Times:—The public is not aware that of late it has been discovered that the north wall of Chester has been partly built out of Roman sculptures, altars, and funerary monuments. As the wall has been asserted to be Roman by good authorities, and as positively denied by Edwardian and Jacobean antiquaries, this revolution seems to favour one of the theories. The medieval chroniclers admit that nothing of a medicinal character has been found in the wall, while the Roman advocates point to similar constructions, all of which they say are of comparatively late date, and not earlier than the reigns of Diocletian and Maximian.

A Russian paper states that the Minister of Ways of Communication will shortly examine, in conjunction with the Ministers of Domains and of Finance, a project for rendering navigable the principal rivers of Siberia. All the necessary information will be collected and placed before it; and among other documents will be the reports of the Special Commission entrusted by the Minister of Domains in 1888 with the survey of the rivers of Western and part of Eastern Siberia. The Commission, in its report, will work out this scheme, and ascertain the feasibility of connecting the rivers of Siberia by canals with one another, and especially with the Yenisei.

About twelve months ago the Admiralty decided to make a full consideration of the vessels of the Chinese navy, to ascertain what is required to supply them for the purpose of their proposed service to foreign navies, to construct iron armaments to supply to them, and to supply them with stores to armament, protection, coal endurance, and speed anything like them attempted. The "Blake" and "Blenheim" were the outcome of this decision; and the "Armen" and "Navy Gazette" in its last issue, illustrate one of these ships as types of the naval architecture of to-day. The new cruiser is a very handsome ship, and looks capable of really fulfilling the twenty-two knots speed which it is calculated she will attain. For armament and equipment the enemy's commerce-destroyers such vessels as this should be simply invincible.—The "Blake" is to be launched at Chatham before the end of the present year.

British manufacturers would do well to follow the example of the German trades and start floating exhibitions. The German Export Company has voted a sum of £200,000 towards the building and equipping of a large steamer which is to tour round the world as a floating exhibition.

The staff which accompanies the steamer will take notice of the various specific requirements in each locality, and will endeavor to meet the trade and shipping requirements. The steamer will be built in such a way that she may be used for a long time, and will be in the spring of 1890, and it will take for a space of two years.

A "Chess Club" is far more likely to help us in our object than an "already moribund society" as P. K. to B. S. very amusingly terms it. The suggestion put forward by "Cross" is to have a "Chess Club" (or "Cross") following the Literary Society, and with the same object, the correct thing, except that the good old fashioned game of "marbles" might be taught instead of chess!—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Hongkong, 29th May, 1889.

JADOU BE.

THE OBSERVATORY REPORTS.—TO THE EDITOR OF "THE DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—There has been no correspondence lately about the work of Dr. D. B. Dorey's daily reports, and I think the report of 10th May, 1889, furnishes a good illustration of their utility. We have been experiencing on this side of the harbour a pretty stiff S.W. monsoon all day, notwithstanding Dr. Dorey's records at 10 a.m. that the wind was N.E. because, presumably, a squall at that hour sent his weather cone swinging round. His temperature, 72 deg., is also much lower than it had been in Hongkong all day. Cannot some better system of observation be established?—Yours faithfully,

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.—From Messrs. FALCON & CO.'S REGISTER.

Barometer—P.M. 29.97. 30.01. 30.05. 30.09. 30.13. 30.17. 30.21. 30.25. 30.29. 30.33. 30.37. 30.41. 30.45. 30.49. 30.53. 30.57. 30.61. 30.65. 30.69. 30.73. 30.77. 30.81. 30.85. 30.89. 30.93. 30.97. 31.01. 31.05. 31.09. 31.13. 31.17. 31.21. 31.25. 31.29. 31.33. 31.37. 31.41. 31.45. 31.49. 31.53. 31.57. 31.61. 31.65. 31.69. 31.73. 31.77. 31.81. 31.85. 31.89. 31.93. 31.97. 32.01. 32.05. 32.09. 32.13. 32.17. 32.21. 32.25. 32.29. 32.33. 32.37. 32.41. 32.45. 32.49. 32.53. 32.57. 32.61. 32.65. 32.69. 32.73. 32.77. 32.81. 32.85. 32.89. 32.93. 32.97. 33.01. 33.05. 33.09. 33.13. 33.17. 33.21. 33.25. 33.29. 33.33. 33.37. 33.41. 33.45. 33.49. 33.53. 33.57. 33.61. 33.65. 33.69. 33.73. 33.77. 33.81. 33.85. 33.89. 33.93. 33.97. 34.01. 34.05. 34.09. 34.13. 34.17. 34.21. 34.25. 34.29. 34.33. 34.37. 34.41. 34.45. 34.49. 34.53. 34.57. 34.61. 34.65. 34.69. 34.73. 34.77. 34.81. 34.85. 34.89. 34.93. 34.97. 35.01. 35.05. 35.09. 35.13. 35.17. 35.21. 35.25. 35.29. 35.33. 35.37. 35.41. 35.45. 35.49. 35.53. 35.57. 35.61. 35.65. 35.69. 35.73. 35.77. 35.81. 35.85. 35.89. 35.93. 35.97. 36.01. 36.05. 36.09. 36.13. 36.17. 36.21. 36.25. 36.29. 36.33. 36.37. 36.41. 36.45. 36.49. 36.53. 36.57. 36.61. 36.65. 36.69. 36.73. 36.77. 36.81. 36.85. 36.89. 36.93. 36.97. 37.01. 37.05. 37.09. 37.13. 37.17. 37.21. 37.25. 37.29. 37.33. 37.37. 37.41. 37.45. 37.49. 37.53. 37.57. 37.61. 37.65. 37.69. 37.73. 37.77. 37.81. 37.85. 37.89. 37.93. 37.97. 38.01. 38.05. 38.09. 38.13. 38.17. 38.21. 38.25. 38.29. 38.33. 38.37. 38.41. 38.45. 38.49. 38.53. 38.57. 38.61. 38.65. 38.69. 38.73. 38.77. 38.81. 38.85. 38.89. 38.93. 38.97. 39.01. 39.05. 39.09. 39.13. 39.17. 39.21. 39.25. 39.29. 39.33. 39.37. 39.41. 39.45. 39.49. 39.53. 39.57. 39.61. 39.65. 39.69. 39.73. 39.77. 39.81. 39.85. 39.89. 39.93. 39.97. 40.01. 40.05. 40.09. 40.13. 40.17. 40.21. 40.25. 40.29. 40.33. 40.37. 40.41. 40.45. 40.49. 40.53. 40.57. 40.61. 40.65. 40.69. 40.73. 40.77. 40.81. 40.85. 40.89. 40.93. 40.97. 41.01. 41.05. 41.09. 41.13. 41.17. 41.21. 41.25. 41.29. 41.33. 41.37. 41.41. 41.45. 41.49. 41.53. 41.57. 41.61. 41.65. 41.69. 41.73. 41.77. 41.81. 41.85. 41.89. 41.93. 41.97. 42.01. 42.05. 42.09. 42.13. 42.17. 42.21. 42.25. 42.29. 42.33. 42.37. 42.41. 42.45. 42.49. 42.53. 42.57. 42.61. 42.65. 42.69. 42.73. 42.77. 42.81. 42.85. 42.89. 42.93. 42.97. 43.01. 43.05. 43.09. 43.13. 43.17. 43.21. 43.25. 43.29. 43.33. 43.37. 43.41. 43.45. 43.49. 43.53. 43.57. 43.61. 43.65. 43.69. 43.73. 43.77. 43.81. 43.85. 43.89. 43.93. 43.97. 44.01. 44.05. 44.09. 44.13. 44.17. 44.21. 44.25. 44.29. 44.33. 44.37. 44.41. 44.45. 44.49. 44.53. 44.57. 44.61. 44.65. 44.69. 44.73. 44.77. 44.81. 44.85. 44.89. 44.93. 44.97. 45.01. 45.05. 45.09. 45.13. 45.17. 45.21. 45.25. 45.29. 45.33. 45.37. 45.41. 45.45. 45.49. 45.53. 45.57. 45.61. 45.65. 45.69. 45.73. 45.77. 45.81. 45.85. 45.89. 45.93. 45.97. 46.01. 46.05. 46.09. 46.13. 46.17. 46.21. 46.25. 46.29. 46.33. 46.37. 46.41. 46.45. 46.49. 46.53. 46.57. 46.61. 46.65. 46.69

